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SUBJ: SYRIA WILL PUSH HARD FOR ISRAELI UN EXPULSION AT LIMA

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1. SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM TOLD ME AUGUST 18 HE DEPARTS FOR LIMA AUGUST 21 WHERE HE WILL REMAIN APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SYRIAN CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL FROM UN WOULD WIN SUPPORT OF MAJORITY AT LIMA.

2. TOLD FONMIN THERE WERE FEW ISSUES ON WHICH USG SO FLATLY DISAGREED WITH SYRIAN APPROACH AND SYRIAN ANALYSIS OF LIKELY RESULTS. RECALLED HIS STATEMENT THAT BEFORE JIDDA ISLAMIC CONFERENCE WE HAD PRESSUED AT LEAST SEVEN ARAB STATES TO OPPOSE SYRIAN EXPULSION RESOLUTION. ASKED IF KHADDAM CREDITED US PRESSURE FOR LATER AFRICAN REJECTION OF RESOLUTION AT KAMPALA. FONMIN SAID NO; AT KAMPALA AFRICANS HAD BEEN CONFUSED BY EGYPTIAN APPROACH. AFTER THE KAMPALA VOTE SYRIA
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HAD CONTACTED THOSE AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAD OPPOSED DRAFT

SYRIAN/PLO RESOLUTION. SYRIANS HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN IN ERROR SINCE ISSUE OF ISRAELI EXPULSION HAD RECEIVED UNANIMOUS BACKING OF ARAB NATIONS AT 1974 ARAB SUMMIT.

3. SAID THAT FONMIN BY PURSUING THIS CAMPAGIN WAS NOT ONLY IGNORING COMPLICATIONS OVER-SHADOWING UN'S FUTURE, SHOULD ISRAEL BE EXPELLED, BUT HE WAS ALSO THREATENING SUCCESS OF FUTURE GENEVA ME CONFERENCE.

4. KHADDAM REPLIED, UNDERLINING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING AS A "SYRIAN CITIZEN" AND NOT ENUNCIATING A CLEARED SARG POLICY:

A. GENEVA WILL IN ANY CASE BE A FARCE, "ON THAT WE AGREE WITH ISRAELIS. THIS IS BECAUSE AT GENEVA CAIRO WILL HAVE BEEN ANESTHETIZED, USG WILL BE PREPARING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AND ISRAELIS WILL SAY NO FURTHER WITHDRAWALS CAN BE CONSIDERED";

B. GENEVA MIGHT HAVE BEEN USEFUL HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE EGYPTIAN DECISION TO REACH FURTHER INTERIM SINAI ACCORD WITH ISRAEL.

5. LATER SAME DAY I HAD OPPORTUNITY AT ASAD'S BANQUET FOR VISITING KING HUSSEIN TO JOIN IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN KHADDAM AND GOJ PRIMIN RIFA'I ABOUT EXPULSION CAMAIGN. KHADDAM INTRODUCED TOPIC TELLING RIFA'I OF HIS CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD GET NEAR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AT LIMA. RIFA'I DEMURRED, SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT UNWISE TO PRESS ISSUE AT THIS TIME SINCE ARABS COULD LOSE AND DISCREDIT CAMPAIGN FOR FUTURE. KHADDAM REJOINED HE WAS FULLY CONFIDENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE "19 OUT OF 20 ARAB STATES, PLUS MAJORITY OF AFRICANS AND EAST ASIANS." HE WAS LESS CATEGORICAL ABOUT LAS CITING COMMITMENT ONLY OF CUBA AND "POSSIBLY LIMA." HE DID NOT RULE OUT BROADER LA SUPPORT. RIFA'S REMAINED UN-CONVINCED. SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IF CAMPAIGN REACHED NEW YORK THIS YEAR IT UNLIKELY TO WIN. RIFA'I ADDED HE FELT IT WOULD HAVE EXCELLENT CHANCE OF SUCCESS IN 1976 UNGA IF ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BY THEN SHOWN GREATER READINESS TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS.

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